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Dear School Food Authority,

As summer is approaching, we are writing to remind you of the Seamless Summer Feeding Waiver (Seamless Waiver). This alternative to the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) simplifies the process for National School Lunch Program (NSLP) sponsors to provide meals when children are not attending classes or in school. In 2002, the first year of the waiver, 104 school districts used this alternative to offer meals at 643 sites.

The waiver combines features of the NSLP, the School Breakfast Program (SBP), and the SFSP. By using the Seamless Summer Feeding Waiver, the paperwork and administrative burden normally associated with participation in the SFSP is significantly reduced.

We have attached an application package, comparison information regarding the summer programs, and the 2003 Edition of the Seamless Waiver Questions and Answers. If you participated in the Seamless Waiver in 2002, you do not need to reapply. The waiver is good through September 2004; however, if you are adding new sites, you must complete and submit for approval the additions.

If your plans include attendance at the annual SFSP training session offered in March/April 2003, we strongly encourage you to attend the session on the Seamless Waiver. The enclosed "Mark the Date" flyer provides tentative SFSP training dates and locations. Confirmation of these dates may be obtained by contacting your field representative or by visiting our web page at www.cde.ca.gov/nsd.

If you have any questions, please contact your nutrition services representative, or Melissa Garza at (916) 322-5885, (800) 952-5609, or mgarza@cde.ca.gov.

Sincerely

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Attachments: Program Comparison
                Sponsor and Site Information
                Agreement and Conditions of a Seamless Summer Feeding Wavier
                2003 Edition of the Seamless Waiver Questions and Answers
                "Mark Your Calendar" Flyer